

## FRESHWATER SNAILS (MOLLUSCA: GASTROPODA) OF BULGARIA: AN UPDATED ANNOTATED CHECKLIST

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**ABSTRACT:** The list of freshwater gastropods of Bulgaria, with data on their distribution, ecology and conservation status, was based on a critical overview of all available sources and unpublished materials. The total number of freshwater snail species hitherto recorded from Bulgaria is 120. Three species are regarded as extinct, two species were found only as subfossil remains. The most diverse families are Hydrobiidae (67 species), Planorbidae (15), and Lymnaeidae (11). The remaining families are represented by 1 to 4 species. Zoogeographical, ecological and conservation data are discussed.

**KEY WORDS:** Bulgaria, freshwater, distribution, ecology, conservation

### INTRODUCTION

The Balkan malacofauna is much less well studied, compared to that of Western Europe, whereas at the same time it seems to be much richer (GLÖER & DIERCKING 2010, WELTER-SCHULTES 2012). New species are described every year, while many rare species are receding or becoming extinct. The need for updating country-wide and regional checklists is thus more urgent in the Balkans, compared to the other parts of Europe.

The studies on freshwater snails of Bulgaria started in the second half of the 19th c. (MOUSSON 1859). ANGELOV's (2000a) relatively recent synopsis, containing a catalogue of aquatic molluscs of the country

and data on their distribution, was soon followed by HUBENOV's (2005, 2007a) lists of the known Bulgarian species, with an emphasis on their distribution and ecology. More than 49 new species have been described since then (GEORGIEV 2011a, 2012d, GLÖER & GEORGIEV 2011, 2012, GEORGIEV & GLÖER 2013), and two have been recorded as new for the country (IRIKOV & GEORGIEV 2008, SCHNIEBS et al. 2012), while another two have been pronounced extinct (GEORGIEV 2010).

This updated list is based on a critical overview of the information on the freshwater gastropod fauna of Bulgaria.

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

#### SOURCES

The literature survey included all the publications considering the Bulgarian freshwater gastropods from 1859 to 2013. The classification was based on GLÖER (2002), WALther et al. (2006) and GLÖER & DIERCKING (2010). These sources were also used for

the ecological categorisation of species. The authors' unpublished data from species diversity surveys in various regions in Bulgaria were also included for the purpose of comparison of the local faunas.

The zoogeographical categorisation of the species was based on distributional data from ZHADIN (1952), STAROBOGATOV (1970), WILLMANN & PIEPER (1978),

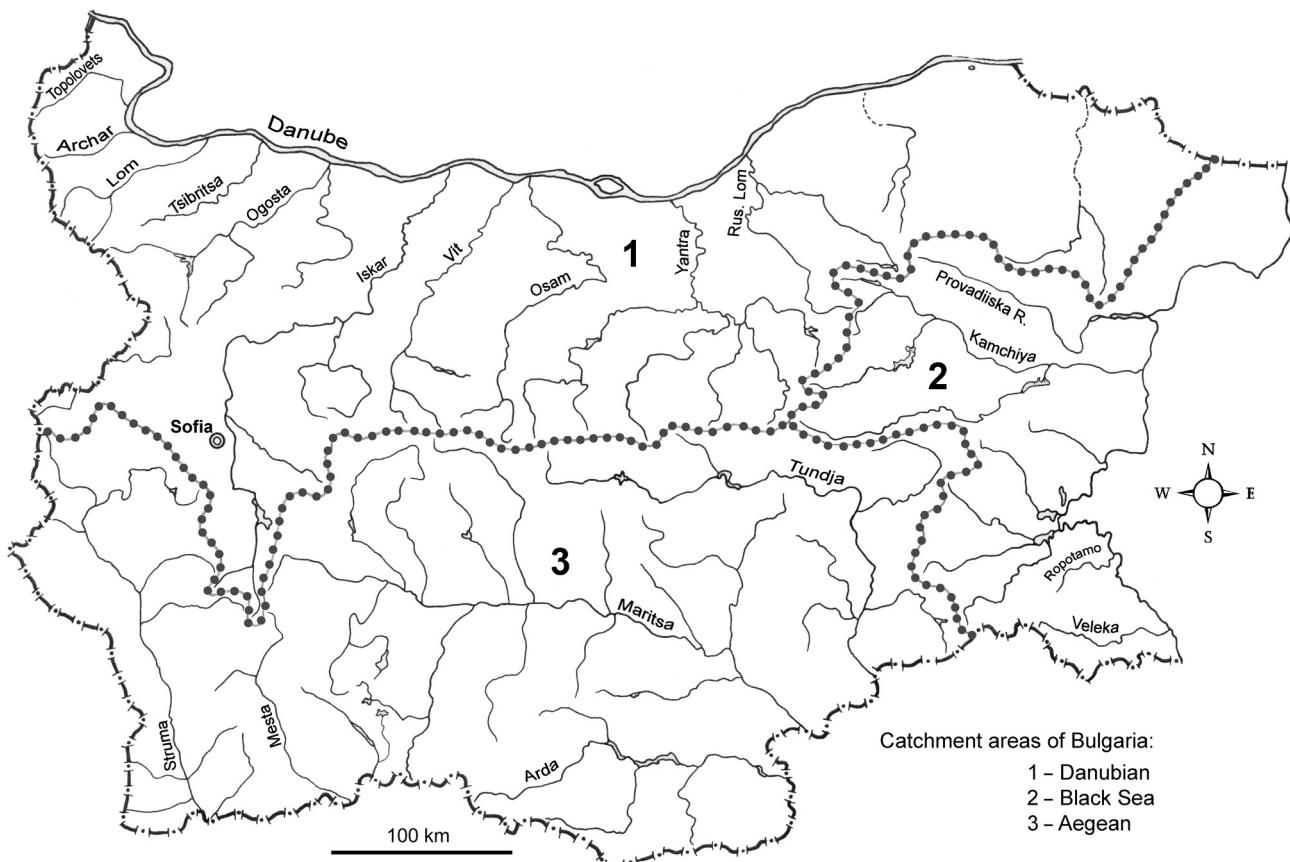


Fig. 1. Catchment areas

RADOMAN (1983), GROSSU (1986, 1987, 1993), STADNICHENKO (1984, 1990), BOLE & VELKOVRAH (1986), BĂNĂRESCU (1990), FRANK et al. (1990), ANISTRATENKO & STADNICHENKO (1994), BOETERS (1998), ANGELOV (2000a), ANISTRATENKO & ANISTRATENKO (2001) and the following electronic sources: DAISIE (Delivering Alien Invasive Species Inventories for Europe), EOL (Encyclopedia of Life), EUNIS biodiversity database, Fauna Europaea, Global invasive species database, Global Names Index, ITIS (Integrated taxonomic information system), NEOBANIS (European Network on invasive Alien Species), PESI (A Pan-European Species directories Infrastructure) and WoRMS (World Register of Marine Species).

#### STRUCTURE OF THE LIST, ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

Each species account includes its taxonomic name, references, distributional information according to catchment area and region of Bulgaria, and altitudinal range (in m a.s.l.); overall distribution, ecology and conservation status.

#### Catchment areas (Fig. 1):

**1** – Danubian, **2** – Black Sea, **3** – Aegean region

#### Distribution (Fig. 2):

**B** – Black Sea Coast: **BN** – northern Black Sea Coast, **BS** – southern Black Sea Coast

**D** – Danubian Plain: **DE** – Eastern Danubian Plain, **DEL** – Ludogorie–Dobrudja District, **DEP** – Popovo–Provadiya District, **DM** – Middle Danubian Plain, **DW** – Western Danubian Plain

**P** – Transitional Region: **PB** – Tundja–Strandja Subregion, **PBB** – Bakadzhik–Burgas District, **PBC** – Sakar Mts, **PBD** – Strandja–Dervent District, **PBS** – Strandja Mts, **PBT** – Sakar–Tundja District, **PK** – Kraishte–Konyavo District, **PKG** – Golo Bardo Mts, **PKK** – Kraishte, **PKQ** – Konyavska Planina Mts, **PKR** – Rui Mts, **PKV** – Verila Mts, **PKZ** – Zemenska Planina Mts, **PS** – Srednogorie–Podbalkan Subregion, **PSA** – Sarnena Gora, **PSC** – Sashtinska Sredna Gora, **PSI** – Ihtimanska Sredna Gora, **PSL** – Lozenska Planina Mts, **PSP** – Podbalkan Basins, **PSS** – Sredna Gora Mts, **PT** – Thracian Lowland, **PV** – Vitosha District, **PVL** – Lyulin Mts, **PVP** – Plana Mts, **PVS** – Sofia Basin, **PPV** – Vitosha Mts

**R** – Rila–Rhodope Massif: **RO** – Osogovo–Belasitsa Group, **ROB** – Belasitsa Mts, **ROG** – Ograzhden Mts, **ROM** – Maleshevskaya Planina Mts, **ROO** – Osogovskaya Planina Mts, **ROP** – Krupnik–Sandanski–Petrich Valley, **ROS** – Srednostrumska Valley, **ROT** – Boboshevo–Simitli Valley, **ROV** – Vlahina Planina Mts, **RP** – Rila–Pirin

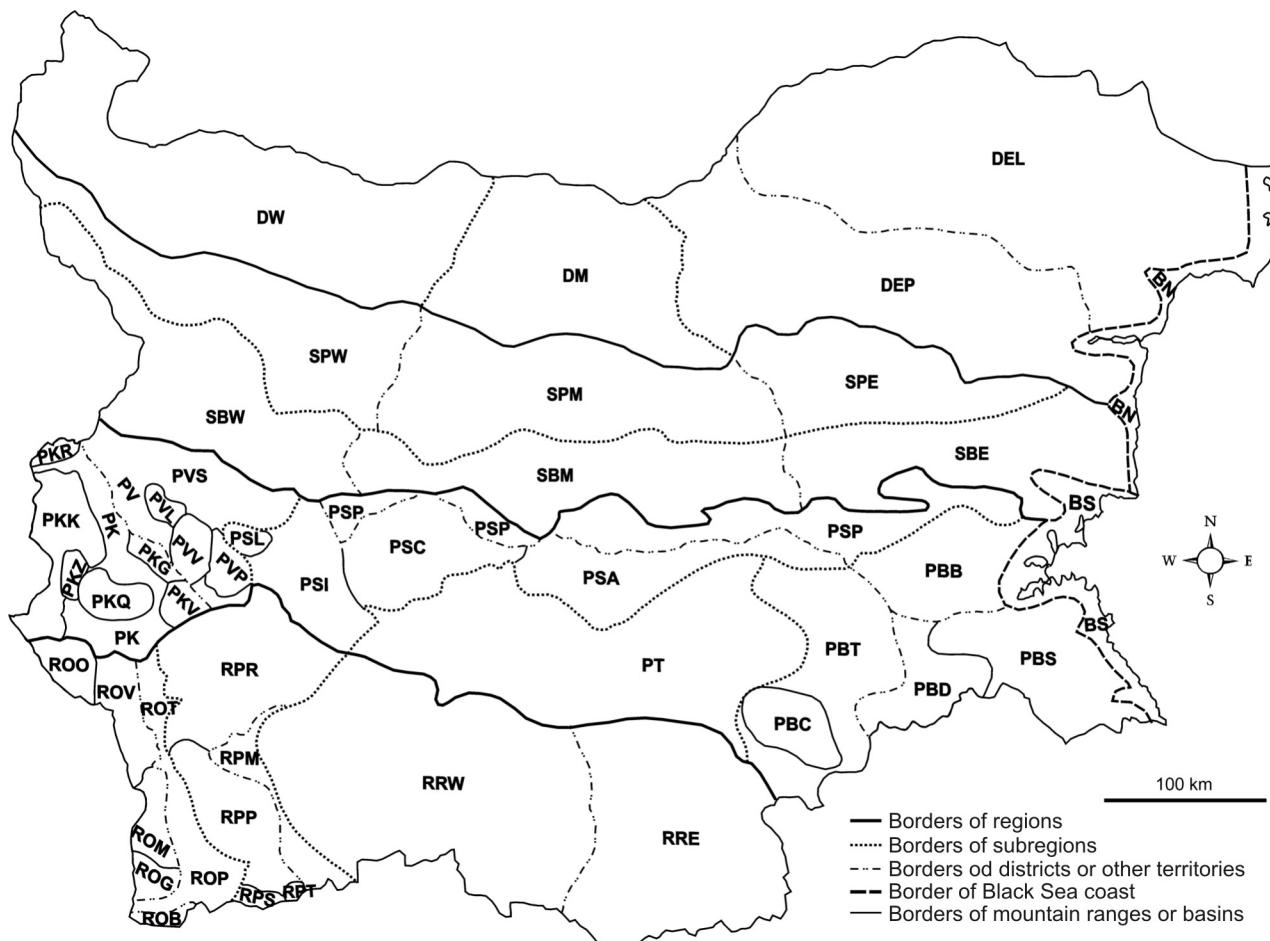


Fig. 2. Natural geographic territorial units in Bulgaria (for abbreviations – see the text)

Group, **RPM** – Mesta Valley, **RPP** – Pirin Mts, **RPR** – Rila Mts, **RPS** – Slavyanka Mts, **RPT** – Stargach Mts, **RR** – Rhodope Mts, **RRE** – Eastern Rhodope Mts, **RRW** – Western Rhodope Mts

**S** – Stara Planina Range: **SP** – Predbalkan (Pre-Balkan or foothills north of Stara Planina Mts), **SPW** – Western Predbalkan, **SPM** – Middle Predbalkan, **SPE** – Eastern Predbalkan, **SB** – Stara Planina (Balkan) Mts, **SBW** – Western Stara Planina Mts, **SBM** – Middle Stara Planina Mts, **SBE** – Eastern Stara Planina Mts

#### Conservation status:

**BC** – Bern Convention, **ESC** – Red List of threatened animals and plants in Europe, **HD** – Habitats Directive, **IUCN categories** (**DD** – Data Deficiency, **EX** – Extinct, **LC** – Least Concern, **NT** – Near Threatened, **VU** – Vulnerable), **RBBG** – Bulgarian Red Data Book

? – lack of information or doubt (possible misidentifications, no data, species with unclear taxonomic status, no anatomical studies, other)

## CHECKLIST OF BULGARIAN FRESHWATER SNAILS

ORDO NERITOPSINA COX ET KNIGHT, 1960  
Familia Neritidae Lamarck, 1809  
Genus *Theodoxus* Montfort, 1810

1. *Theodoxus danubialis* (C. Pfeiffer, 1828)  
*Nerita danubialis* (Mühlf.) – WOHLBEREDT (1911)  
*Theodoxus danubialis* (C. Pfeiffer) – BÜTTNER (1928), PETRBOK (1941, 1947), DRENSKI (1947), VALKANOV (1957), URBAŃSKI (1960), ANGELOV et

al. (1963), RUSSEV (1966, 1968, 1979), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

*Theodoxus danubialis* var. *strangulatus* (Mühlf.) – WOHLBEREDT (1911), WAGNER (1927), BÜTTNER (1928), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947)

Catchment areas – 1, 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, B, 0–200

General distribution – Southeast European-Pontian, Caspian relict

Ecology – salinity limit 12‰, lithophilous, potamophilous, rhithrophilous

## 2. *Theodoxus fluviatilis* (Linnaeus, 1758)

*Theodoxus euxinus* (Clessin) – WESTERLUND (1886), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a)

*Neritina fluviatilis* (L.) – HESSE (1913)

*Theodoxus fluviatilis* (L.) – WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941, 1947), DRENSKI (1947), VALKANOV (1957), URBAŃSKI (1960), ANGELOV et al. (1963), JAECKEL (1967), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, c)

*Theodoxus fluviatilis transversetaeniatus* Wagner – WAGNER (1927)

*Theodoxus fluviatilis* var. *purpurata* Ziegler – PETRBOK (1941), VALKANOV (1957)

*Theodoxus prevostianus* C. Pfeiffer – GROSSU (1956)

*Nerita fluviatilis* (L.) – LIUTZKANOV (1990)

Catchment areas – 1, 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SBE, B, PBS, 0–300

General distribution – European-Anatolian (?European),

Ecology – salinity limit 5–7‰ (?18‰), lithophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

## 3. *Theodoxus pallasi* Linholm, 1924

*Theodoxus pallasi* Lindholm – DRENSKI (1947), KANEVA-ABADZHIEVA (1957), ANGELOV (2000a), GENOV (2001), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, c, 2011a)

Catchment area – 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – B, 0–100,

General distribution – Ponto-Caspian, Caspian relict, subfossil

Ecology – salinity limit 14‰

Conservation – IUCN-EX, RBBG

Remarks – known only from shells

## 4. *Theodoxus transversalis* (C. Pfeiffer, 1828)

*Theodoxus transversalis* (C. Pfeiffer) – BÜTTNER (1928), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), RUSSEV (1957, 1966, 1979), URBAŃSKI (1960), ANGELOV et al. (1963), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), FEHÉR et al. (2012)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100

General distribution – Central and Southeast European

Ecology – potamophilous, lithophilous

Conservation – IUCN-EN, Directive 92/43, Natura 2000

ORDO ARCHITAENIOGLOSSA HALLER, 1890

Familia Viviparidae J. E. Gray, 1847

Subfamilia Viviparinae J. E. Gray, 1847

Genus *Viviparus* Montfort, 1810

## 5. *Viviparus acerosus* (Bourguignat, 1862)

*Viviparus maritzanus* Haas – HAAS (1911)

*Vivipara acerosa* Bourguignat – WOHLBEREDT (1911)

*Vivipara maritzana* Haas – HESSE (1913)

*Viviparus acerosus* (Bourguignat) – WAGNER (1927), DRENSKI (1947), RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2012c)

*Viviparus acerosus maritzanus* (Haas) – BÜTTNER (1928)

*Viviparus danubialis* (Bourguignat) – PETRBOK (1941), RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a)

*Viviparus danubialis* var. *penchianti* Bourguignat – RUSSEV (1979)

*Viviparus danubialis* var. *rumealicus* Kobelt – RUSSEV (1979)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SBE, PT, RRW, PSP, 0–1500

General distribution – South European (?Central and South European – introduced)

Ecology – potamophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

## 6. *Viviparus contectus* (Millet, 1813)

*Viviparus contectus* (Millet) – DRENSKI (1947), JAECKEL (1967), RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100

General distribution – West Eurosiberian

Ecology – potamophilous, stagnant waters, phytophilous, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

## 7. *Viviparus viviparus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

*Viviparus viviparus* var. *subfasciatus* Bourguignat – WESTERLUND (1886)

*Viviparus viviparus* (L.) – PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1966, 1979), JAECKEL (1967), NAIDENOV (1968), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2012c)

*Viviparus fasciatus* (Müller) – DRENSKI (1947)

Catchment areas – 1, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVS, 0–600

General distribution – European

Ecology – pelophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC



Note: BOURGUIGNAT (1980) listed a species with unclear taxonomical status – *Vivipara amblya* Bourguignat, 1962 – for Bulgaria, without specifying its exact locality.

**ORDO NEOTAENIOGLOSSA HALLER, 1892**

Familia Melanopsidae H. et A. Adams, 1854  
Subfamilia Melanopsinae H. et A. Adams, 1854  
Genus *Melanopsis* A. Féruccac, 1807

**8. *Melanopsis parreyssi* Philippi, 1847**

*Melanopsis parreyssi* Philippi – ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, 2011b), GEORGIEV (2010, 2012c)  
Catchment area – 3,  
Distribution in Bulgaria – PT, 100–200  
General distribution – Central and Southeast European, preglacial relict  
Ecology – crenobiont, thermal waters  
Conservation – IUCN-CR, ? EX

Genus *Esperiana* Bourguignat, 1877

Subgenus *Esperiana* Bourguignat, 1877

**9. *Esperiana (Esperiana) esperi* (A. Féruccac, 1823)**

*Melanopsis esperi* (Féruccac) – BÜTTNER (1928), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947)  
*Fagotia esperi* (Féruccac) – VALKANOV (1957), URBAŃSKI (1960), RUSSEV (1966, 1968, 1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a) HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)  
Catchment area – 1  
Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–200  
General distribution – Southeast European-Pontian, Caspian relict  
Ecology – lithophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters  
Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subgenus *Microcolpia* Bourguignat, 1884

**10. *Esperiana (Microcolpia) daudebartii* (Prevost, 1821)**

*Microcolpia acicularis* Féruccac – WOHLBEREDT (1911), WAGNER (1927), URBAŃSKI (1960)  
*Melanopsis acicularis daudebartii* C. Pfeiffer – WAGNER (1927)  
*Hemisinus acicularis* Féruccac – PETRBOK (1931)  
*Fagotia acicularis* var. *aciculella* Schm. – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Melanopsis acicularis* (Féruccac) – PETRBOK (1940), DRENSKI (1947)  
*Fagotia acicularis* (Féruccac) – RUSSEV (1966, 1968, 1979), FRANK et al. (1990)  
*Fagotia acicularis* (Féruccac) – ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)  
Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–400

General distribution – Southeast European-Pontian, Caspian relict  
Ecology – lithophilous, potamophilous  
Conservation – IUCN-LC

Genus *Holandriana* Bourguignat, 1884

**11. *Holandriana holandrii* (C. Pfeiffer, 1828)**

*Melania crassa* var. *ovoidea* Bourguignat – WESTERLUND (1886)

*Melania ovoidea* Bourguignat – WOHLBEREDT (1911)  
*Amphimelania holandri* (C. Pfeiffer) – WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941), RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

*Bithynia bulgarica* Drenski – DRENSKI (1947)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SPW, 0–700

General distribution – Southeast European

Ecology – lithophilous, potamophilous (population density in Nishava River up to 3,000 ind./m<sup>2</sup>)

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Familia Pyrgulidae Brusina, 1881

Subfamilia Pyrgulinae Saurin, 1959

Genus *Turricaspia* B. Dybowski et Grochmalicki, 1915

Subgenus *Laevicaspia* B. Dybowski et Grochmalicki, 1917

**12. *Turricaspia (Laevicaspia) lincta* (Milaschewitch, 1908)**

*Micromelania lincta* Milaschewitch – DRENSKI (1947), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a, c)

*Turricaspia caspia lincta* Milaschewitch – GENOV (2001), GENOV & PEYCHEV (2001)

*Turricaspia caspia* Milaschewitch – GENOV & PEYCHEV (2001)

Catchment areas – 1, 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, BN, 0–100

General distribution – Ponto-Caspian, Caspian relict, subfossil

Ecology – salinity limit 8‰, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Remarks – known only from shells

Subgenus *Clessiniola* Lindholm, 1924

**13. *Turricaspia (Clessiniola) variabilis* (Eichwald, 1838)**

*Clessiniola variabilis* Eichwald – GENOV & PEYCHEV (2001), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100

General distribution – Ponto-Caspian, Caspian relict, subfossil

Ecology – salinity limit 3‰

Conservation – IUCN-DD

Remarks – known only from shells

Familia Bithyniidae Troschel, 1857  
 Genus *Bithynia* Leach, 1818  
 Subgenus *Bithynia* Leach, 1818

**14. *Bithynia (Bithynia) danubialis* Glöer et Georgiev, 2012**  
*Bithynia danubialis* – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2012)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100  
 General distribution – regional endemic (possibly lower Danube)  
 Ecology – psammophilous-pelophilous, potamophilous

**15. *Bithynia (Bithynia) tentaculata* (Linnaeus, 1758)**  
*Bithynia tentaculata* (L.) – HESSE (1916), WAGNER (1927), VALKANOV (1936, 1957), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1966, 1968, 1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a, c), GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2012)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PS, 0–200  
 General distribution – Western Palaearctic (?Holarctic – introduced)  
 Ecology – phytophilous, lithophilous, psammophilous, pelophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

Note: *Bithynia leachi* (Sheppard, 1823) [= *Bithynia leachi* (Sheppard) – WAGNER (1927), VALKANOV (1936, 1957), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV et al. (1963), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2007), *Bithynia viridis* Dup. var. *B. Moulinissii* (?) – HRISTOVITCH (1892), *Bithynia Leachii* (Sheppard) – HRISTOVITCH (1892)], previously reported from Bulgaria, probably does not occur in the country. It is a north-western European species with its southern distribution border in Hungary. A similar *B. transsilvanica* (Bielz, 1853) is likely to be found in the Bulgarian Danube and its tributaries, since it was recorded from the adjacent regions of Romania (GLÖER & FEHÉR 2004, GLÖER & SÎRBU 2006).

Subgenus *Codiella* Locard, 1894

**16. *Bithynia (Codiella) rumelica* Wohlberedt, 1911**  
*Bithynia rumelica* Wohlberedt – WOHLBEREDT (1911), GEORGIEV (2010, 2012c)  
*Bithynia leachi rumelica* (Wohlberedt) – DRENSKI (1947)  
*Bithynia leachi* (Sheppard) – ANGELOV (2000a)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PT, RRW, 0–300  
 General distribution – ?regional endemic  
 Ecology – thermophile, thermal waters, ?crenobiонт  
 Conservation – ?EX

Familia Hydrobiidae Troschel, 1857  
 Subfamilia Tateinae Thiele, 1925  
 Genus *Potamopyrgus* Stimpson, 1865

**17. *Potamopyrgus antipodarum* (J. E. Gray, 1843)**  
*Potamopyrgus antipodarum* (J. E. Gray) – IRIKOV & GEORGIEV (2008), GEORGIEV (2011a, 2012c)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PT, RRW, 0–700  
 General distribution – New Zealand (Subcosmopolitan – introduced species)  
 Ecology – invasive alien species, eurybiont, salinity limit 17‰, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Subfamilia Belgrandiinae De Stefani, 1877  
 Genus *Belgrandiella* A. Wagner, 1927

**18. *Belgrandiella angelovi* Pintér, 1968**  
*Belgrandiella angelovi* Pintér – PINTÉR (1968), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, b, d)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, SBE, 200–600  
 General distribution – regional endemic  
 Ecology – ?crenobiонт  
 Conservation – IUCN-VU

**19. *Belgrandiella bachkovoensis* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**  
*Belgrandiella bachkovoensis* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 300–400  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – rheophilous  
 Conservation – IUCN-CR

**20. *Belgrandiella bulgarica* Angelov, 1972**  
*Belgrandiella bulgarica* Angelov – ANGELOV (1972, 2000a), BERON (1994), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), BERON et al. (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, d)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 400–500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – rheophilous, stygobiotic  
 Conservation – IUCN-VU

**21. *Belgrandiella burenschi* Angelov, 1976**  
*Belgrandiella burenschi* Angelov – ANGELOV (1976, 2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2011a, d)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, 800–1,000  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – rheophilous, stygobiotic, thermal waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-VU  
 Remarks – known only from shells



**22. *Belgrandiella dobrostanica*** Glöer et Georgiev, 2009  
*Belgrandiella dobrostanica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, d)

Catchment area – 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 800–1,500

General distribution – regional endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous, troglophilous

Conservation – IUCN-VU

**23. *Belgrandiella hessei*** A. Wagner, 1927

*Belgrandiella hessei* Wagner – PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), PINTÉR (1968), BERON (1994), RAYCHEV (1997a), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), BERON et al. (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, b, d)

*Paladilchia (Belgrandiella) hessei* (Wagner) – URBAŃSKI (1960)

Catchment area – 1, ?

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, 400–500

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – stygobiotic

Conservation – IUCN-VU

Remarks – known only from shells

**24. *Belgrandiella maarensis*** Georgiev, 2013

*Belgrandiella maarensis* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2013)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 100–200

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous, stygobiotic

**25. *Belgrandiella pandurskii*** Georgiev, 2011

*Belgrandiella pandurskii* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2011a, d), GEORGIEV (2011d), GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 100–300

General distribution – regional endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, troglophilous, rheophilous,

**26. *Belgrandiella pussila*** Angelov, 1959

*Belgrandiella pusilla* Angelov – ANGELOV (1959, 2000a), PINTÉR (1968), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2011a, b, d)

Catchment area – 1, ?

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, 400–600

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – stygobiotic

Conservation – IUCN-VU

Remarks – known only from shells

**27. *Belgrandiella stanimirae*** Georgiev, 2011

*Belgrandiella stanimirae* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2011a, c)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 500–600

General distribution – ?local endemic  
Ecology – stygobiotic

**28. *Belgrandiella zagoraensis*** Glöer et Georgiev, 2009

*Bythinella austriaca* (Frauenfeld) – GEORGIEV (2005a)  
*Belgrandiella zagoraensis* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, d, 2012b, c)

Catchment area – 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – PSA, 200–500

General distribution – regional endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous

Conservation – IUCN-VU

Genus *Pontobelgrandiella* Radoman, 1978

**29. *Pontobelgrandiella nitida*** (Angelov, 1972)

*Belgrandiella nitida* Angelov – ANGELOV (1972)

*Pontobelgrandiella nitida* (Angelov) – RADOMAN (1978, 1983), WILLMANN & PIEPER (1978), BERON (1994), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), SZAROWSKA (2006), BERON et al. (2009), GEORGIEV (2011d, 2013)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 300–400

General distribution – ?regional endemic

Ecology – stygobiotic, rheophilous

Conservation – IUCN-VU

**30. *Pontobelgrandiella tanevi*** Georgiev, 2013

*Pontobelgrandiella tanevi* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2013)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 0–100

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – troglophilous

Genus *Bythiospeum* Bourguignat, 1882

**31. *Bythiospeum bureschii*** (A. Wagner, 1927)

*Paladilhiopsis bureschii* Wagner – WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a)

*Paladilhia (Paladilhiopsis) bureschii* (Wagner) – URBAŃSKI (1960)

*Saxurinator buresci* (Wagner) – SCHÜTT (1970), RADOMAN (1983), BERON et al. (2009)

*Paladilhiopsis bureschii copiosus* Angelov – ANGELOV (1972)

*Saxurinator buresi* (Wagner) – BERON (1994)

*Saxurinator copiosus* (Angelov) – BERON (1994), BERON et al. (2009)

*Paladilhiopsis buresi* (Wagner) – HUBENOV (2006a)

*Bythiospeum bureschii* (Wagner) – GEORGIEV (2011c, d), GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2011)

*Bythiospeum copiosus* (Angelov) – GEORGIEV (2011a, c), GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, 400–500

General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic  
 Remarks – known only from shells

**32. *Bythiospeum devetakium*** Georgiev et Glöer, 2013  
*Bythiospeum devetakium* Georgiev et Glöer – GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 0–100  
 General distribution – regional endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous

**33. *Bythiospeum dourdeni*** Georgiev, 2012  
*Bythiospeum dourdeni* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2012d)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 500–600  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic  
 Remarks – known only from shells

**34. *Bythiospeum kolevi*** Georgiev, 2013  
*Bythiospeum kolevi* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2013)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 300–400  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic

**35. *Bythiospeum pandurskii*** Georgiev, 2012  
*Bythiospeum pandurskii* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2012d)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, 400–500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic

**36. *Bythiospeum simovi*** Georgiev, 2013  
*Bythiospeum simovi* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2013)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPW, 200–300  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic  
 Remarks – known only from shells

**37. *Bythiospeum stoyanovi*** Georgiev, 2013  
*Bythiospeum stoyanovi* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2013)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 0–100  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic

**38. *Bythiospeum* sp.**  
*Bythiospeum copiosus* (Angelov) – GEORGIEV (2011a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPW, 200–300  
 General distribution – known only from spring Glava Panega, town of Zlatna Panega  
 Remarks – known only from shells

Genus *Balkanospeum* Georgiev, 2012

**39. *Balkanospeum schniebsae*** (Georgiev, 2011)  
*Bythiospeum schniebsae* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2011a, c)  
*Balkanospeum schniebsae* (Georgiev) – GEORGIEV (2012a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 300–400  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous

Genus *Devetakia* Georgiev et Glöer, 2011

**40. *Devetakia krushunica*** Georgiev et Glöer, 2011  
*Devetakia krushunica* Georgiev et Glöer – GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2011, 2013), GEORGIEV (2011a, 2012a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 100–200  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic

**41. *Devetakia mandrica*** Georgiev, 2012  
*Devetakia mandrica* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2012a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 100–200  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous

**42. *Devetakia pandurskii*** Georgiev et Glöer, 2011  
*Devetakia pandurskii* Georgiev et Glöer – GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a, 2012a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SPM, 100–200  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic  
 Remarks – known only from shells

Genus *Cavernisa* Radoman, 1978

**43. *Cavernisa zaschevi*** (Angelov, 1959)  
*Belgrandiella zaschevi* Angelov – ANGELOV (1959), WILLMANN & PIEPER (1978)  
*Paladilia (Belgrandiella) zaschevi* (Angelov) – JAECKEL (1967)  
*Cavernisa zaschevi* (Angelov) – RADOMAN (1978), PANDOURSKII (1993), BERON (1994), HUBENOV (2006a), BERON et al. (2009), CUTTELOD et al. (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
*Cavernisa zaschevia* (Angelov) – RADOMAN (1983)  
*Cavernista zaschevi* (Angelov) – ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, 400–500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous, Conservation – IUCN-VU

Genus *Iglica* Wagner, 1927**44. *Iglica acicularis* Angelov, 1959**

*Iglica acicularis* Angelov – ANGELOV (1959, 2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), CUTTELOD et al. (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)

Catchment area – 1, ?

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, 400–500

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous

Genus *Hauffenia* Pollonera, 1898**45. “*Hauffenia*” *lucidula* (Angelov, 1967)**

*Horatia (Hauffenia) lucidulus* (Angelov) – ANGELOV (1967, 2000a), CUTTELOD et al. (2011)

“*Hauffenia*” *lucidula* (Angelov) – BODON et al. (2001)

*Horatia lucidulus* (Angelov) – HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, 2011d)

*Hauffenia lucidula* (Angelov) – GEORGIEV (2011a)

Catchment area – 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – BN, 0–100

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – salinity limit 1‰, crenobiont, stygobiotic

Conservation – IUCN-CR, RBBG.

Note: According to BODON et al. (2001) the generic position of the species is unclear.

Genus *Insignia* Angelov, 1972**46. *Insignia macrostoma* Angelov, 1972**

*Insignia macrostoma* Angelov – ANGELOV (1972, 2000a), BERON (1994), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), BERON et al. (2009), CUTTELOD et al. (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 400–500

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – crenobiont, stygobiotic

Conservation – IUCN-VU

Remarks – known only from shells

Genus *Plagigeyeria* Tomlin, 1930**47. *Plagigeyeria procerula* (Angelov, 1965)**

*Plagigeyeria galidini procerulus* Angelov – ANGELOV (1965, 2000a)

*Plagigeyeria galidini procerula* Angelov – SCHÜTT (1972)

*Plagigeyeria procerula* Angelov – HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2011a)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBW, SKO, 500–600

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – crenobiont, stygobiotic

Genus *Radomaniola* Szarowska, 2006**48. *Radomaniola bulgarica* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**

*Radomaniola bulgarica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, 2012b)

Catchment area – 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – PSA, 300–400

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous, thermal waters

**49. *Radomaniola rhodopensis* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**

*Radomaniola rhodopensis* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a), GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)

Catchment area – 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 700–800

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous

Conservation – IUCN-VU

**50. *Radomaniola strandzhica* Georgiev et Glöer, 2013**

*Radomaniola strandzhica* Georgiev et Glöer – GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)

Catchment area – 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – PBS, 200–300

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous

Genus *Grossuana* Radoman, 1973**51. *Grossuana angeltekovi* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**

*Sadleriana virescens bulgarica* (Wagner) – ANGELOV (2000a) *Grossuana angeltekovi* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, b, c, 2012a)

Catchment area – 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, RPP, 200–800

General distribution – regional endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous

**52. *Grossuana aytosensis* Georgiev, 2012**

*Grossuana aytosensis* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2012a)

Catchment area – 2

Distrubition in Bulgaria – SBE, 100–200

General distribution – local endemic

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous

**53. *Grossuana codreanui* (Grossu, 1946)**

*Paladilhiopsis codreanui* Grossu – GROSSU (1946)

*Pseudamnicola codreanui* (Grossu) – GROSSU (1956), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, 2011c)

*Grossuana serbica codreanui* (Grossu) – RADOMAN (1973, 1983)

*Grossuana codreanui* (Grossu) – SZAROWSKA et al. (2007), ZETTLER (2008), GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, 2012a)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – B, 0–100  
 General distribution – regional endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous

**54. *Grossuana derventica*** Georgiev et Glöer, 2013  
*Grossuana derventica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2013)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PBD, 100–200  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, troglophilous, rheophilous

**55. *Grossuana radostinae*** Georgiev, 2012  
*Grossuana radostinae* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2012a)  
 Catchment area – 2  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBE, 100–200  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous

**56. *Grossuana slavyanica*** Georgiev et Glöer, 2013  
*Grossuana slavyanica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2013)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – RPS, 700–800  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous

**57. *Grossuana thracica*** Glöer et Georgiev, 2009  
*Lithoglyphus (Lithoglyphoides) virescens bulgaricus* Wagner – WAGNER (1927)  
*Sadleriana virescens bulgarica* (Wagner) – URBAŃSKI (1960), ANGELOV (2000a)  
*Grossuana thracica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), GEORGIEV (2011a, b, c, 2012a, c), GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PT, PSA, 100–300  
 General distribution – regional endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous  
 Conservation – IUCN-CR

Note: Based on shell morphology, WAGNER (1927) described *Pseudamnicola consociella euxina* from a spring near the Devnya River and Aladzha monastery, NE Bulgaria. According to ZETTLER (2008) it could be a *Grossuana* species, but the lack of any anatomical data makes its status unclear.

Genus *Gloeria* Georgiev, Dedov et Cheshmedyev, 2012

**58. *Gloeria bulgarica*** Georgiev, Dedov et Varadinova, 2012  
*Gloeria bulgarica* Georgiev, Dedov et Varadinova – GEORGIEV et al. (2012)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – RPS, 600–700

General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous

Genus *Strandzhia* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011

**59. *Strandzhia bythinellopenia*** Georgiev et Glöer, 2013  
*Strandzhia bythinellopenia* Georgiev et Glöer – GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)  
 Catchment area – 2  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PBS, 100–200  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous

Genus *Balkanica* Georgiev, 2011

**60. *Balkanica yankovi*** Georgiev, 2011  
*Balkanica yankovi* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2011a, c)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 300–400  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – stygobiotic

Subfamilia Amnicolinae Tryon, 1862  
 Genus *Bythinella* Moquin-Tandon, 1856

**61. *Bythinella aneliae*** Georgiev et Stoycheva, 2011  
*Bythinella aneliae* Georgiev et Stoycheva – GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, 1,000–1,500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – rheophilous

**62. *Bythinella angelovi*** Glöer et Georgiev, 2011  
*Bythinella austriaca* (Frauenfeld) – ANGELOV (2000a)  
*Bythinella angelovi* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PSC, 1,000–1,500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – crenobiont, rheophilous

**63. *Bythinella dedovi*** Glöer et Georgiev, 2011  
*Bythinella dedovi* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
 Catchment area – 2  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PBS, 200–300  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous

**64. *Bythinella dierckingi*** Glöer et Georgiev, 2011  
*Bythinella dierckingi* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 1,000–1,500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – crenobiont, rheophilous



- 65. *Bythinella elenae* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella elenae* Glöer & Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
Catchment area – 2  
Distribution in Bulgaria – PBS, 400–500  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous
- 66. *Bythinella gloeeri* Georgiev, 2009**  
*Bythinella gloeeri* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2009, 2011a, c), GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011)  
Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 800–1,000  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous  
Conservation – IUCN-CR
- 67. *Bythinella hansboetersi* Glöer et Pešić, 2006**  
*Bythinella hansboetersi* Glöer et Pešić – GLÖER & PEŠIĆ (2006), FALNIOWSKI et al. (2009, 2012), GEORGIEV (2009, 2011a, c), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2011), GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), FALNIOWSKI & SZAROWSKA (2012)  
Catchment area – 1  
Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, >2,000  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – crenobiont, rheophilous  
Conservation – IUCN-NT
- 68. *Bythinella izvorica* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella izvorica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a), GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)  
Catchment area – 2  
Distribution in Bulgaria – PBS, 200–300  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous
- 69. *Bythinella kleptuzica* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella kleptuzica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 700–800  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous
- 70. *Bythinella margitiae* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella margitiae* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
Catchment area – 2  
Distribution in Bulgaria – PBS, 100–200  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous
- 71. *Bythinella markovi* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**  
*Bythinella markovi* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009, 2012), GEORGIEV (2009, 2011a, c)

- Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 800–1,000  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous  
Conservation – IUCN-CR
- 72. *Bythinella ravnogorica* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**  
*Bythinella ravnogorica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009, 2011), GEORGIEV (2009, 2011a, c)  
Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 1,000–1,500  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rheophilous, ?stygobiotic
- 73. *Bythinella rhodopensis* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella rhodopensis* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 1,500–2,000  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – calciphilous, rheophilous
- 74. *Bythinella rilaensis* Georgiev et Glöer, 2013**  
*Bythinella rilaensis* Georgiev et Glöer – GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)  
Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – PRP, 700–800  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – rheophilous, ?crenobiont
- 75. *Bythinella slaveyae* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella slaveyae* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – ROB, 600–700  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – crenobiont, rheophilous
- 76. *Bythinella smolyanica* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella austriaca* (Frauenfeld) – RAYCHEV (1997b), ANGELOV (2000a)  
*Bythinella smolyanica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
Catchment area – 3  
Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 1,000–1,500  
General distribution – local endemic  
Ecology – rheophilous
- 77. *Bythinella srednogorica* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**  
*Bythinella cf. opaca* – GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2008)  
*Bythinella opaca* – GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009)  
*Bythinella srednogorica* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009, 2011), GEORGIEV (2011a, d), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2011), FALNIOWSKI et al. (2012), FALNIOWSKI & SZAROWSKA (2012), GEORGIEV & GLÖER (2013)

Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PSA, 300–400  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – rheophilous

**78. *Bythinella stoychevae* Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella stoychevae* Georgiev – GEORGIEV (2011a, c)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – RRW, 1,000–1,500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – calciphilous, stygobiotic, rheophilous

**79. *Bythinella valkanovi* Glöer et Georgiev, 2011**  
*Bythinella austriaca* (Frauenfeld) – ANGELOV (2000a)  
*Bythinella valkanovi* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011), GEORGIEV (2011a, 2012c)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – PT (foothills of RRW), 400–500  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – crenobiont, rheophilous, thermal waters

**80. *Bythinella walkeri* Glöer et Georgiev, 2009**  
*Bythinella walkeri* Glöer et Georgiev – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009, 2011), GEORGIEV (2011a, c)  
 Catchment area – 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – RPR, 800–1,000  
 General distribution – local endemic  
 Ecology – rheophilous  
 Conservation – IUCN-DD

Subfamilia Hydrobiinae Troschel, 1857  
 Genus *Hydrobia* Hartman, 1821

**81. *Hydrobia acuta* Draparnaud, 1805**  
*Hydrobia acuta* Drap. – WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, c), GEORGIEV (2011a)  
 Catchment area – 2  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – B, PBS, 0–100  
 General distribution – Mediterranean-Lusitanian (?Holomediterranean)  
 Ecology – euryhaline (salinity 1–60‰), stagnant waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

Note: Included in ANGELOV's (2000a) list of freshwater molluscs as "saltwater species which is able to survive at low salinity (up to 1‰)". The author also mentioned *Hydrobia* records from some inland streams and springs by PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947) and RUSSEV (1979); those were a result of misidentification.

Subfamilia Lithoglyphinae Troschel, 1857  
 Genus *Lithoglyphus* Hartman, 1821

**82. *Lithoglyphus naticoides* (C. Pfeiffer, 1828)**  
*Lithoglyphus penchiati* Bourguignat – BOURGUIGNAT (1870), WOHLBEREDT (1911)  
*Lithoglyphus naticoides* (C. Pfeiffer) – HESSE (1913), ANGELOV (2000a), GENOV & PEYCHEV (2001), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, c), GEORGIEV (2012c)  
*Lithoglyphus naticoides apertus* Küster – WAGNER (1927)  
*Lithoglyphus naticoides naticoides* (C. Pfeiffer) – PETRBOK (1941, 1947), DRENSKI (1947), VALKANOV (1957), RUSSEV (1966, 1979), FRANK et al. (1990)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, BN, 0–200  
 General distribution – Southeast European-Pontian, Caspian relict  
 Ecology – salinity limit 3‰, calciphilous, lithophilous, potamophilous, rheophilous  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

**83. *Lithoglyphus pyramidatus* von Möllendorf, 1873**  
*Lithoglyphus pyramidalis* Müller – DRENSKI (1947), VALKANOV (1957), RUSSEV (1966, 1979), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100  
 General distribution – East European-Anatolian  
 Ecology – lithophilous, potamophilous, rheophilous, rhithrophilous, rare

ORDO ECTOBRANCHIA P. FISCHER, 1884  
 Familia Valvatidae J. E. Gray, 1840  
 Genus *Valvata* Müller, 1773  
 Subgenus *Valvata* Müller, 1773

**84. *Valvata (Valvata) cristata* O. F. Müller, 1774**  
*Valvata cristata* (Müller) – WOHLBEREDT (1911), HESSE (1913), WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941, 1947), ANGELOV (1956, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2012b, c)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SBW, SBE, PT, 0–200  
 General distribution – West Eurosiberian  
 Ecology – salinity limit 0.5‰, phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters, rare  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subgenus *Tropidina* H. et A. Adams, 1854

**85. *Valvata (Tropidina) macrostoma* (Mörch, 1864)**  
*Valvata pulchella* (Studer) – ANGELOV (1960, 2000a), FRANK et al. (1990), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a)  
*Valvata macrostoma* Mörch – JAECKEL (1967)



*Cincinnna pulchella* (Studer) – PINTÉR (1974)

Catchment areas – 1, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, RRW, 0–1,500

General distribution – ?disjunct Eurosiberian

Ecology – phytophilous, stagnant waters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subgenus *Cincinnna* Hübner, 1810

**86. *Valvata* (*Cincinnna*) *piscinalis* (O. F. Müller, 1774)**

*Valvata piscinalis* (Müller) – WESTERLUND (1886), HESSE (1911, 1913), WOHLBEREDT (1911), WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941, 1947), DRENSKI (1947), VALKANOV (1957), ANGELOV (1960, 1998, 2000a, b), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1966, 1979), FRANK et al. (1990), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2005a, 2012b, c), VASILEVA et al. (2011)

*Cincinnna piscinalis* var. *antiqua* Sowerby – ZILCH & JAECKEL (1962), JAECKEL (1967)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SB, PVV, PVS, RRE, RRW, PT, 0–1,500

General distribution – West and Central Palaearctic (introduced all over Holarctic)

Ecology – salinity limit 0.4‰, xenosaprobic, pelophilous, phytophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Genus *Borysthenia* Linholm, 1913

**87. *Borysthenia naticina* (Menke, 1845)**

*Valvata naticina* Menke – FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100

General distribution – Central and East European

Ecology – lithophilous, psammophilous, pelophilous, potamophilous, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

ORDO PULMONATA CUVIER IN BLAINVILLE, 1814

Subordo Basommatophora Keferstein, 1864

Familia Acroloxidae Thiele, 1931

Genus *Acroloxus* H. Beck, 1838

**88. *Acroloxus lacustris* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Ancylus lacustris* (L.) – BÜTTNER (1928), DRENSKI (1947)

*Acroloxus lacustris* (L.) – ANGELOV (1956, 1998, 2000a, b), ANGELOV et al. (1963), GEORGIEV (2005a, 2012c), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009)

Catchment areas – 1, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, PSA, PSC, RRE, RRW, 0–1,000

General distribution – Holoeurosiberian

Ecology – phytophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Familia Lymnaeidae Rafinesque, 1815

Subfamilia Lymnaeinae Rafinesque, 1815

Genus *Galba* Schrank, 1803

**89. *Galba truncatula* (O. F. Müller, 1774)**

*Limnaea bulgarica* Bourguignat – BOURGUIGNAT (1881)

*Limnaea exigua* Bourguignat – BOURGUIGNAT (1881)

*Limnaea varnensis* Bourguignat – BOURGUIGNAT (1881)

*Limnaea truncatula* Müller – KOBELT (1898), HESSE (1913)

*Galba truncatula* (Müller) – HESSE (1911), WAGNER (1927), BÜTTNER (1928), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), KOZAROV et al. (1955), VALKANOV (1957), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1964, 1979), RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), GEORGIEV (2005a, b, 2008, 2012c), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a, b), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009)

*Limnaea (Fossaria) truncatula* Müller – WOHLBEREDT (1911)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SB, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, PBC, PBT, RRE, RRW, RPR, RPP, ROO, RPM, RPS, 0–2,000

General distribution – Holarctic

Ecology – eurybiont, pelophilous, phytophilous, rhithrophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Genus *Stagnicola* Jeffreys, 1830

**90. *Stagnicola corvus* (Gmelin, 1791)**

*Lymnaea palustris* var. *corvus* Gmelin – WOHLBEREDT (1911)

*Lymnaea corvus* Gmelin – HESSE (1916)

*Lymnaea palustris corvus* Gmelin – WAGNER (1927)

*Galba palustris* var. *corvus* (Gmelin) – BÜTTNER (1928), DRENSKI (1947)

*Stagnicola palustris* var. *corvus* (Gmelin) – PETRBOK (1941), VALKANOV (1957)

*Stagnicola corvus* (Gmelin) – FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000 a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PT, B, 0–200

General distribution – ?Holopalaearctic

Ecology – phytophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

**91. *Stagnicola montenegrinus* Glöer et Pešić, 2009**

*Stagnicola montenegrinus* Glöer et Pešić – SCHNIEBS et al. (2011), GEORGIEV (2012c)

Catchment area – 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – PT, 100–400

General distribution – Balkan endemic

Ecology – stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-NT

- 92. *Stagnicola palustris* (O. F. Müller, 1774)**  
*Lymnaea palustris* var. *vulnerata* Küst. – WESTERLUND (1886)  
*Limnaea berlani* Bourguignat – BOURGUIGNAT (1881), KOBELT (1898)  
*Limnaea palustris* (Müller) – HESSE (1911, 1916), DRENSKI (1947)  
*Limnaea (Lymnophysa) palustris* (Müller) – WOHLBEREDT (1911)  
*Lymnophysa palustris vulneratus* Küst. – WAGNER (1927)  
*Galba palustris* Müller *typica* – BÜTTNER (1928), ANGELOV et al. (1963)  
*Stagnicola palustris* (Müller) – PETRBOK (1941), RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006b, 2007a)  
*Stagnicola palustris* var. *vulnerata* Küst. – PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947)  
*Stagnicola palustris* var. *berlani* Bourguignat – PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), JACKIEWICZ (1962), HUBENOV (2006a, b)  
*Galba glabra* (Müller) – RUSSEV (1979)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVS, PT, RRW, 0–600  
 General distribution – Holarctic  
 Ecology – eurybiont, phytophilous  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC
- 93. *Stagnicola turricula* (Held, 1836)**  
*Stagnicola turricula* (Held) – RUSSEV (1966, 1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)  
 Catchment area – 1  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100  
 General distribution – Holopalaearctic  
 Ecology – pelophilous, phytophilous, rare  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

Note: We regard this species as one of unclear taxonomic status. According to some authors (BARGUES et al. 2001, WELTER-SCHULTES 2012) it is a synonym of *Stagnicola palustris* but it was listed as a separate species in GLÖER (2002) and CUTTELOD et al. (2011). However the taxonomy of lymnaeids is quite disputable (KRUGLOV 2005, SCHNIEBS et al. 2011, 2012), and here we have chosen to follow the old “classical” taxonomy.

Genus *Radix* Montfort, 1810

- 94. *Radix auricularia* (Linnaeus, 1758)**  
*Limnaea auricularia* (Drap.) – HRISTOVITCH (1892), HESSE (1913)  
*Limnaea auricularia* (L.) – HESSE (1911), DRENSKI (1947), VALKANOV (1957), NAIDENOV (1968)  
*Radix auricularius* (L.) – WAGNER (1927)

- Radix auricularia* (L.) – BÜTTNER (1928), VALKANOV (1936), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV (1956, 1998, 2000a, b), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1966, 1979), FRANK et al. (1990), GEORGIEV (2005a, 2012b, c), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, c), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009), GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2009), VASILEVA et al. (2009, 2011), VASILEVA (2012)  
*Radix ovata* (Drap.) – GEORGIEV (2005b)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SBE, PSC, PSA, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, PBD, PBC, RRW, 0–1,500  
 General distribution – Holopalaearctic  
 Ecology – salinity limit 3–6‰, pelophilous, phytophilous, potamophilous, rhithrophilous, stagnant waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC
- 95. *Radix balthica* (Linnaeus, 1758)**  
*Limnaea limosa* var. *thermalis* L. – HRISTOVITCH (1892)  
*Limnaea ovata* (Drap.) – WOHLBEREDT (1911), NAIDENOV (1968)  
*Radix ovata* (Drap.) – WAGNER (1927), VALKANOV (1932), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV (1956, 1998, 2000a, b), ZASHEV & ANGELOV (1959), RUSSEV (1966), FRANK et al. (1990), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007c)  
*Radix ovata* var. *fontaneus* Charpentier – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Radix balthica* (L.) – GEORGIEV (2012c)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, ?RRE, ?RRW, 0–2,500  
 General distribution – Holopalaearctic  
 Ecology – salinity limit 10‰, eurybiont, phytophilous, stagnant waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC
- 96. *Radix labiata* (Rossmässler, 1835)**  
*Radix pereger* (Müller) – WAGNER (1927), KOZAROV et al. (1955), ANGELOV et al. (1963)  
*Radix peregra* (Müller) – BÜTTNER (1928), PETRBOK (1941), ARNDT (1943), RUSSEV (1964, 1966, 1979), RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), YANEVA et al. (2001), KIRIN et al. (2003), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a, b), GEORGIEV (2006), DEDOV & MITEV (2011)  
*Limnaea (Radix) peregra* (Müller) – DRENSKI (1947)  
*Radix labiata* (Rossm.) – GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009), GEORGIEV (2012c)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SB, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, RRE, RRW, RPR, RPP, ROO, RPM, RPS, 0–2,300  
 General distribution – West Palaearctic (?Holopalaearctic)  
 Ecology – eurybiont, pelophilous, phytophilous  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

**97. *Radix lagotis* (Schrank, 1803)**

*Radix lagotis* (Schrank) – WOHLBEREDT (1911), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV (2000a)

*Limnaea lagotis* Schrank – HESSE (1913)

*Radix ovatus lagotis* Schrank – WAGNER (1927)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – PKK, 600–700

General distribution – European (?Holopalaearctic)

Ecology – pelophilous, phytophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-DD

Genus *Myxas* G. B. Sowerby, 1822

**98. *Myxas glutinosa* (O. F. Müller, 1774)**

*Myxas glutinosa* (Müller) – RUSSEV et al. (1994), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

Catchment area – 1

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, 0–100

General distribution – Central and North European (?West Eurosiberian)

Ecology – β-mesosaprobic, oligosaprobic, rhithrophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – BC, CORINE, ESC, IUCN-LC

Genus *Lymnaea* Lamarck, 1799

**99. *Lymnaea stagnalis* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Limnaea stagnalis* (L.) – HRISTOVITCH (1892), HESSE (1911), ANGELOV (1956), ANGELOV et al. (1963)

*Limnaea stagnalis* var. *major* Kobelt – HRISTOVITCH (1892)

*Limnaea (Lymnus) stagnalis* var. *ampliata* Clessin – WAGNER (1927)

*Limnaea stagnalis* var. *ampliata* Clessin – BÜTTNER (1928)

*Limnaea stagnalis* (L.) – PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), VALKANOV (1957), RUSSEV (1966, 1979), NAIDENOV (1968), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

*Limnaea stagnalis* var. *ampliata* Clessin – PETRBOK (1941)

*Limnaea stagnalis* var. *turgida* Menke – PETRBOK (1941)

*Limnaea stagnalis* var. *subulata* Westerlund – ANGELOV (1956)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVS, PT, PKK, 0–1 – 000

General distribution – Holarctic

Ecology – salinity limit 7‰, eurybiont, pelophilous, phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Familia Physidae Fitzinger, 1833

Subfamilia Physinae Fitzinger, 1833

Genus *Physa* Draparnaud, 1801

**100. *Physa fontinalis* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Physa fontinalis* (L.) – HRISTOVITCH (1892), HESSE (1911), WAGNER (1927), BÜTTNER (1928), VALKANOV (1936, 1957), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV (1956, 1998, 2000a, b), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2012c)

*Physa fontinalis* var. *succinea* Hesse – HESSE (1913), PETRBOK (1941)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVV, PVS, PT, B, RRE, RRW, 0–500

General distribution – Holarctic

Ecology – β-mesosaprobic, phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Genus *Physella* Haldeman, 1842

**101. *Physella acuta* (Draparnaud, 1805)**

*Physa dalmatina* Küster – WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941)

*Physa acuta* (Drap.) – BÜTTNER (1928), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1979)

*Physella acuta* (Drap.) – RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), YANEVA (1989), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), YANEVA et al. (2001), GEORGIEV (2005a, b, 2006, 2012b, c), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009), VASILEVA (2011), VASILEVA et al. (2011)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SB, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, PBD, PBC, PBT, RRE, RRW, RPR, RPP, ROO, RPM, ROP, 0–1,500

General distribution – North American (Subcosmopolitan – introduced species)

Ecology – invasive alien species, α-β-mesosaprobic, eurybiont, pelophilous, phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subfamilia Aplexinae Starobogatov, 1967

Genus *Aplexa* Fleming, 1820

**102. *Aplexa hypnorum* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Aplexa hypnorum* (L.) – HESSE (1911), WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009), GEORGIEV (2012c)

*Physa hypnorum* L. – HESSE (1913)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – SP, SBE, PSC, PT, 0–600  
 General distribution – Holarctic  
 Ecology –  $\alpha$ -mesosaprobic, pelophilous, stagnant waters, rare  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

Familia Planorbidae Rafinesque, 1815  
 Subfamilia Bulininae P. Fischer et Crosse, 1880  
 Genus *Planorbarius* Duméril, 1806

**103. *Planorbarius corneus* (Linnaeus, 1758)**  
*Planorbus corneus* Poir. – HRISTOVITCH (1892)  
*Planorbus corneus* L. – HESSE (1911), VALKANOV (1936)  
*Planorbus (Spirodiscus) corneus* var. *ammonoceras* Westerlund – WOHLBEREDT (1911)  
*Planorbus (Spirodiscus) corneus* var. *banaticus* Lang. – WOHLBEREDT (1911)  
*Coretus corneus* (L.) – WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1966)  
*Coretus corneus* L. – BÜTTNER (1928)  
*Planorbus (Coretus, Planorbarius) corneus* L. – DRENSKI (1947)  
*Coretus corneus* var. *albinus* Westerlund – PETRBOK (1941), VALKANOV (1957)  
*Coretus corneus* var. *ammonoceras* Westerlund – PETRBOK (1941), VALKANOV (1957)  
*Coretus corneus* var. *banaticus* Lang. – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Planorbus corneus maritzanus* Drenski – DRENSKI (1947)  
*Coretus corneus* var. *megistus* Bourguignat – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Coretus corneus* var. *minor* Westerlund – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Planorbus corneus typicus* – DRENSKI (1947)  
*Planorbarius corneus* (L.) – RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a, c)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PSA, PVS, PT, B, 0–500  
 General distribution – West Eurosiberian  
 Ecology – salinity limit 5‰,  $\alpha$ - $\beta$ -mesosaprobic, phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subfamilia Planorbinae Rafinesque, 1815  
 Genus *Planorbis* Müller, 1773

**104. *Planorbis carinatus* O. F. Müller, 1774**  
*Planorbis carinatus* (Müller) – HRISTOVITCH (1892), DRENSKI (1947), RUSSEV (1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998), ANGELOV (2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2006)  
*Tropidiscus carinatus* (Müller) – PETRBOK (1941)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SB, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, RRE, RRW, RPM, ROP, 0–300  
 General distribution – West Eurosiberian  
 Ecology – pelophilous, phytophilous, stagnant waters, rare  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

**105. *Planorbis planorbis* (Linnaeus, 1758)**  
*Planorbis marginatus* (Drap.) – VAVRA (1893), KOBELT (1898), HESSE (1916)  
*Planorbis rotundatus* – VAVRA (1893)  
*Planorbis umbilicatus* Müller – VAVRA (1893), WOHLBEREDT (1911), HESSE (1911, 1913)  
*Planorbis (Tropidiscus) umbilicatus* – WOHLBEREDT (1911)  
*Planorbis planorbis* (L.) – WAGNER (1927), BÜTTNER (1928), VALKANOV (1936, 1957), DRENSKI (1947), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), RUSSEV (1979), YANEVA (1989), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), YANEVA et al. (2001), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a, c), GEORGIEV (2006, 2012c), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2008), DEDOV & MITEV (2011)  
*Tropidiscus marginatus* (Drap.) – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Tropidiscus marginatus* f. *ecarinatus* Westerlund – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Tropidiscus marginatus filocincta* Westerlund – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Tropidiscus marginatus* f. *submarginata* Jan. – PETRBOK (1941)  
*Tropidiscus planorbis* L. – ANGELOV (1956)  
*Planorbis carinatus* (Müller) – GEORGIEV (2005a, b)  
*Planorbis planorbis* var. *submarginatus* (Cristofori et Jan) – GEORGIEV (2006)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SB, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, PBD, PBC, PBT, RRE, RRW, RPR, RPP, ROO, RPM, ROP, 0–1,500  
 General distribution – Holarctic  
 Ecology – salinity limit 1.5‰, eurybiont, pelophilous, phytophilous, stagnant waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC

Genus *Anisus* S. Studer. 1820  
 Subgenus *Anisus* S. Studer, 1820

**106. *Anisus (Anisus) leucostoma* (Millet, 1813)**  
*Planorbis leucostoma* Millet – HESSE (1911, 1913)  
*Paraspira leucostoma* Millet – WAGNER (1927)  
*Anisus leucostomus* (Millet) – GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)  
*Anisus leucostoma* (Millet) – GEORGIEV (2012c)  
 Catchment areas – 1, 3  
 Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PSC, PT, 0–1,000 (1,700)  
 General distribution – West and Central Eurosiberian (?West and Central Palaearctic)  
 Ecology – phytophilous, stagnant waters  
 Conservation – IUCN-LC



**107. *Anisus (Anisus) septemgyratus* (Rossmässler, 1835)**  
*Planorbis septemgyratus* Rossm. – HESSE (1916)  
*Paraspira septemgyratus* Rossm. – WAGNER (1927),  
PETRBOK (1941), VALKANOV (1957), ANGELOV  
(1998)

*Anisus septemgyratus* Rossm. – ANGELOV (2000a, b),  
HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

Catchment areas – 1, 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SBE, B, 0–400

General distribution – West and Central Eurosiberian  
(?European)

Ecology – salinity limit 8‰, α-β-mesosaprobic,  
eurybiont, phytophilous, stagnant waters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

**108. *Anisus (Anisus) spirorbis* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Planorbis (Gyrorbis) spirorbis* L. – WOHLBEREDT (1911)

*Paraspira spirorbis* (L.) – PETRBOK (1941)

*Planorbis (Anisus) spirorbis* Troschel – DRENSKI (1947)

*Anisus spirorbis* (L.) – RUSSEV (1966, 1979), FRANK et  
al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), HUBENOV  
(2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2008, 2012c)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, PVV, B, 0–500

General distribution – West and Central Palaearctic

Ecology – α-β-mesosaprobic, phytophilous, stagnant  
waters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subgenus *Disculifer* C. Boettger 1944

**109. *Anisus (Disculifer) vortex* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Planorbis vortex* L. – HESSE (1911), WOHLBEREDT  
(1911)

*Spiralina vortex* L. – BÜTTNER (1928), ANGELOV  
(1956), ANGELOV et al. (1963)

*Anisus (Disculifer) vortex* L. – VALKANOV (1936)

*Planorbis (Spiralina) vortex* Linné – DRENSKI (1947)

*Anisus vortex* L. – ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b),  
HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, c), GEORGIEV  
(2012c)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVS, B, 0–600

General distribution – West and Central Eurosiberian

Ecology – salinity limit 8‰, α-β-mesosaprobic,  
phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters,  
rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

**110. *Anisus (Disculifer) vorticulus* (Troschel, 1834)**

*Spiralina vorticulus* Troschel – BÜTTNER (1928)

*Diplodiscus vorticulus* (Troschel) – PETRBOK (1941)

*Anisus vorticulus* (Troschel) – ANGELOV (1998, 2000a,  
b), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

Catchment areas – 1, 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVS, B, 0–600

General distribution – West and Central Eurosiberian  
(?West Eurosiberian)

Ecology – pelophilous, phytophilous, rhithrophilous,  
stagnant waters, rare

Conservation – HD, Natura 2000, IUCN-NT

Genus *Bathyomphalus* Charpentier, 1837

**111. *Bathyomphalus contortus* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Bathyomphalus contortus* L. – HESSE (1911), WAGNER  
(1927), BÜTTNER (1928), ANGELOV (2000a),  
HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a, c), GEORGIEV  
(2012c)

Catchment areas – 1, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – PT, B, 0–600 (1,800)

General distribution – Holoeurosiberian

Ecology – salinity limit 8‰, α-β-mesosaprobic,  
phytophilous, stagnant waters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Genus *Gyraulus* Charpentier, 1837

Subgenus *Gyraulus* Charpentier, 1837

**112. *Gyraulus (Gyraulus) albus* (O. F. Müller, 1774)**

*Planorbis albus* Müller – HESSE (1911)

*Gyraulus albus* (Müller) – WAGNER (1927), BÜTTNER  
(1928), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV (1956),  
ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1966, 1979),  
RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), YANEVA (1989), FRANK  
et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a, b), YANEVA et  
al. (2001), GEORGIEV (2005a, 2012b, c), HUBENOV  
(2005, 2006a, b, 2007a, c)

Catchment areas – 1, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, PSA, PT, B, RRW,  
0–1,500

General distribution – Holarctic

Ecology – salinity limit 8‰, phytophilous,  
potamophilous, stagnant waters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subgenus *Torquis* Dall, 1905

**113. *Gyraulus (Torquis) laevis* (Alder, 1838)**

*Gyraulus laevis* (Alder) – ANGELOV (1960), RUSSEV  
(1979), FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998,  
2000a, b), HUBENOV (2005, 2007a)

Catchment areas – 1, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVS, PT, 0–600

General distribution – Holarctic (?European)

Ecology – phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant wa-  
ters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subgenus *Armiger* W. Hartmann, 1843

**114. *Gyraulus (Armiger) crista* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Armiger crista* (L.) – VALKANOV (1934), PETRBOK (1941)

*Planorbis (Armiger) crista* (L.) – VALKANOV (1957)

*Gyraulus crista* f. *nautileus* (L.) – RUSSEV (1979)

*Gyraulus crista* (L.) – FRANK et al. (1990), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2005a, 2012c)

*Gyraulus crista* f. *spinulosus* (L.) – ANGELOV (2000a)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PSA, PVV, PVS, PT, B, RRW, 0–1,500

General distribution – Holarctic

Ecology – salinity limit 1.5‰, α-β-mesosaprobic, phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Subgenus *Lamorbius* Starobogatov, 1967

**115. *Gyraulus (Lamorbius) piscinarum* Bourguignat, 1852**

*Gyraulus piscinarum* Bourguignat – WESTERLUND (1885), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2012c)

*Gyraulus piscinarum minima* Bourguignat – PETRBOK (1941)

Catchment areas – 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – PBS, 0–100

General distribution – East Mediterranean

Ecology – phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-NA

Genus *Hippeutis* Charpentier, 1837

**116. *Hippeutis complanatus* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Hippeutis complanatus* (L.) – HESSE (1911), WAGNER (1927), BÜTTNER (1928), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV (1998, 2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2012c)

*Planorbis (Hippeutis) complanatus* (L.) – DRENSKI (1947)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, ROP, 0–600

General distribution – West and Central Palaearctic

Ecology – α-mesosaprobic, phytophilous, stagnant waters, rare

Conservation – IUCN-LC

Genus *Segmentina* Fleming, 1818

**117. *Segmentina nitida* (O. F. Müller, 1774)**

*Segmentina nitida* f. *clessiniana* Müller – WESTERLUND (1885)

*Planorbis nitidus* (Müller) – HESSE (1911, 1913)

*Segmentina nitida* (Müller) – WAGNER (1927), BÜTTNER (1928), VALKANOV (1935, 1957), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV (1956, 1998, 2000a, b), ANGELOV et al. (1963), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a), GEORGIEV (2006, 2012c)

*Segmentina nitida* var. *distinguenda* Gredl. – ANGELOV (1956)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, RRE, RRW, 0–1,500

General distribution – West and Central Palaearctic

Ecology – α-β-mesosaprobic, phytophilous, potamophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – ESC, CORINE, IUCN-LC

Familia Ferrissiidae Walker, 1917

Genus *Ferrissia* Walker, 1903

**118. *Ferrissia fragilis* (Tryon, 1863)**

*Ferrissia wautieri* (Mirolli) – ANGELOV (1983, 2000a)

*Ferrissia clessiniana* (Jickeli) – HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

Catchment areas – 1, 2

Distribution in Bulgaria – PVS, B, 0–600

General distribution – North American (Subcosmopolitan – introduced)

Ecology – eurybiont, phytophilous, stagnant waters

Conservation – IUCN-DD

Familia Aculyidae Rafinesque, 1815

Genus *Ancylus* Müller, 1773

**119. *Ancylus fluviatilis* O. F. Müller, 1774**

*Ancylus fluviatilis* Müller – HRISTOVITCH (1892), WAGNER (1927), VALKANOV (1934), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV et al. (1963), RUSSEV (1964), RUSSEV & YANEVA (1975), YANEVA (1989), YANEVA et al. (1998, 2001), GEORGIEV (2005a, b, 2012b, c), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, b, 2007a), GEORGIEV & STOYCHEVA (2009)

*Ancylus fluviatilis* var. *gibbosus* Bourguignat – WOHLBEREDT (1911)

*Ancylastrum fluviatile* L. – BÜTTNER (1928)

*Ancylastrum fluviatile* var. *phrygium* Clessin – BÜTTNER (1928)

*Ancylus fluviatilis gibbosus* Bourguignat – PETRBOK (1941), DRENSKI (1947)

*Ancylus (Ancylastrum) fluviatilis* Müller – DRENSKI (1947)

Catchment areas – 1, 2, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – D, SP, SB, PVV, PVS, PT, B, PBS, PBD, PBT, RRE, RRW, ROP, 0–2,300

General distribution – West Palaearctic

Ecology – xenosaprobic-oligosaprobic, crenobiont, lithophilous, potamophilous, rheophilous

Conservation – IUCN-LC

**120. *Ancylus recurvus* Martens, 1873**

*Ancylus recurvus* Parrm – WAGNER (1927), PETRBOK (1941), ANGELOV (2000a), HUBENOV (2005, 2006a, 2007a)

*Ancylus recurvus* Martens – GLÖER & GEORGIEV (2011)

Catchment areas – 1, 3

Distribution in Bulgaria – SBM, PSD, RRW, 100–800

General distribution – Northeast Mediterranean

Ecology – calciphilous, crenobiont, rare

Note: According to ALBRECHT et al. (2006) all records of *A. recurvus* probably refer to an array of species among which *Ancylus pileolus* Férrusac, 1822 is the most frequent.

## DISCUSSION

### GENERAL REMARKS

The total number of freshwater snail species recorded hitherto from Bulgaria is 120. Three species (*Th. pallasi*, *B. rumelica* and *M. parreyssi*) are regarded as extinct, and two species were found only as subfossil remains (*T. lincta* and *T. variabilis*), but are likely to occur in the Bulgarian part of the Danube, since there exist records from the adjacent areas of Romania (CIOBOIU 2006). Some other species, for example *Bithynia transsilvanica* (Bielz, 1853), *Radix ampla* (Hartmann, 1821) and *Gyraulus acronicus* (A. Férrusac, 1807), have been recorded from south Romania but never found in Bulgaria (GLÖER & SÍRBU 2006, CIOBOIU 2006). Their occurrence in the country is also likely.

The Hydrobiidae are the most diverse family (67 known species, 56% of freshwater snail fauna); they are followed by Planorbidae (15; 12%), and Lymnaeidae (11; 9%). The remaining families are represented by 1–4 species and constitute 1–3% of the freshwater snail fauna (Fig. 3). Most hydrobiid

genera in Bulgaria are represented by one species each. Some of the genera are endemic to the country (*Balkanospeum*, *Cavernisa*, *Insignia*, *Balkanica*, *Gloeria*, *Strandzhia*) (Fig. 4). *Bythinella*, with its 20 species (29% of all hydrobiids) and *Belgrandiella* (11 species, 16%) are the most speciose; they are followed by *Bythiospeum* (8 species, 12% – one still unidentified, probably new, referred to as *Bythiospeum* sp. in GEORGIEV 2013), and *Grossuana* (7 species, 10%).

The regions richest in species are the Danube River valley, Pre-Balkan area, West Rhodopes Mts, West Stara Planina Mts, Upper Thracian Lowland and the Black Sea coastal area. The hydrobiids are represented by many species in the West Rhodopes, West Stara Planina and the Pre-Balkan region. The members of Neritidae, Viviparidae, Melanopsidae, Bithyniidae, Pyrgulidae, and the genus *Lithoglyphus*, occur mainly in north Bulgaria, and especially in its low-altitude parts.

The altitudinal range of freshwater snails in Bulgaria is 0 to 2,300 m a.s.l. The species richness decreases gradually with increasing altitude (Fig. 5).

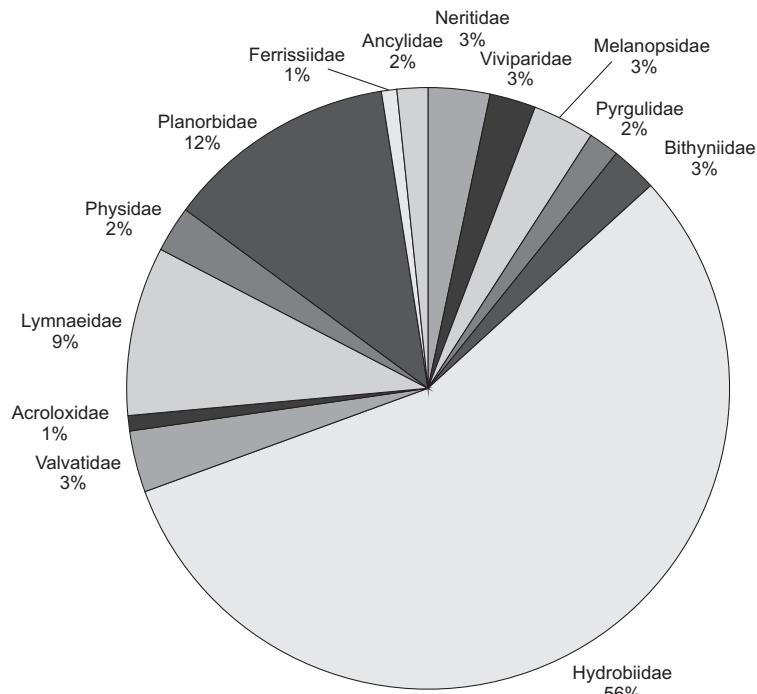


Fig. 3. Species richness of the Bulgarian freshwater snail families

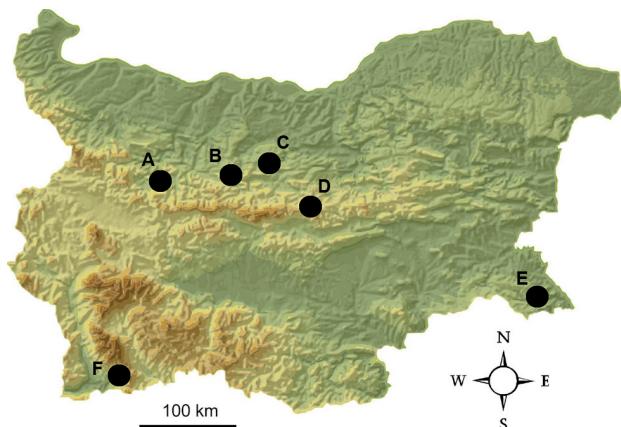


Fig. 4. Localities of endemic hydrobiid genera in Bulgaria: A – *Cavernisa*, B – *Insignia*, *Pontobelgrandiella*, C – *Devetakia*, D – *Balkanospicum*, *Balkanica*, E – *Strandzhia*, F – *Gloeria*

The majority of species inhabit the lower-altitude parts of the country – valleys, lowlands and hilly areas, and few reach high altitudes (*Galba truncatula*, *Radix labiata*, *Ancylus fluviatilis*). Some of the spring snails (*Bythinella*, e.g. *B. hansboetersi*, *B. ravnogorica*, *B. aneliae*) are high mountain species living at altitudes of 1,000 to more than 2,000 m a.s.l. The altitudinal ranges of most other Bulgarian hydrobiids are between 100 and 800 m a.s.l.

The qualitative similarity of the freshwater snail faunas of the main geographical regions of Bulgaria is in most cases small. The fauna of the West Stara Planina Mts is the most specific. This is due to the presence of many endemic hydrobiids, and the absence of the widely distributed, lowland species (most planorbids and lymnaeids).

The most widely distributed species in Bulgaria, in terms of both geographical regions and altitude, are *Galba truncatula*, *Radix auricularia*, *Physella acuta* and *Planorbis planorbis*. Besides the local hydrobiid endemics (with 1–3 localities), *Viviparus contectus*, *Borysthenia naticina*, *Anisus vorticulus*, *Gyraulus piscinarum*, *Radix lagotis*, *Myxas glutinosa*, *Ferrissia fragilis* and *Ancylus recurvus* can be regarded as rare.

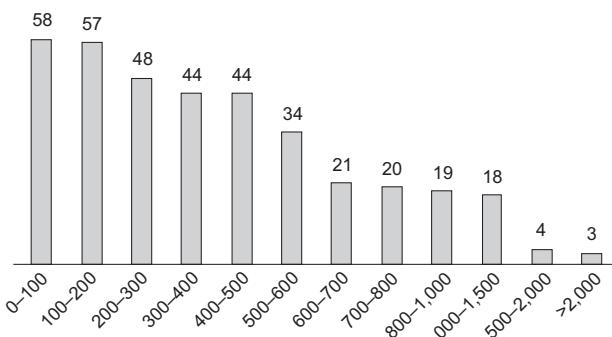


Fig. 5. Species richness of the freshwater snails of Bulgaria at different altitudes (numbers of species shown above columns)

#### ZOOGEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FAUNA

For the purposes of this paper, the freshwater snails of Bulgaria were assigned to 32 zoogeographical categories, combined in four larger groups (Table 1). The first group includes species which are distributed both in the Palaearctic region and outside it. This group (10 species – 8.4%) comprises four zoogeographical categories. *Potamopyrgus antipodarum*, *Physella acuta* and *Ferrissia fragilis* are alien species whose secondary ranges include Bulgaria. Native species, widely distributed in Bulgaria (*Galba truncatula*, *Planorbis planorbis* and *Gyraulus crista*), are poorly represented in the Black Sea basin rivers. Because of its heterogeneity and the small number of species, this category is not important for the zoogeographical characteristics of the country. According to STADNICHENKO (1990), the range of *Aplexa hypnorum* is longitudinally disjunct, with a gap in Siberia. ZHADIN (1952) and FRANK et al. (1990) regard it as a Holarctic species.

The second group, with 12 species (10.1%), includes species distributed in more than one of the Palaearctic subregions but not found outside the Palaearctic region. Most of them are Holopalaearctic, with fewer West and Central Palaearctic species, found in all three catchment areas (Table 1). The group includes the palaeolimnetic *Bithynia tentaculata* and *Valvata piscinalis*. Pulmonates constitute the majority of the group and are best represented in the Danube area. *Radix auricularia* and *R. labiata*, which occur all over the country, have the widest distribution. *R. labiata* and *R. balthica* are found in all the altitudinal zones, whereas *Bithynia tentaculata* and *Stagnicola turricula* occur only in one zone. The lymnaeids are the most numerous (4) among the Palaearctic species.

Thirty one species (26.1%) represent the group of species confined to one Palaearctic subregion (Table 1). The group includes species with Eurosiberian and Mediterranean distribution (discounting endemics).

The Eurosiberian group includes 19 (16.0%) species (Table 1), with mainly European, West Eurosiberian and West and Central Eurosiberian distributions. Seven of them are found exclusively in Europe, three being widely distributed and four having limited ranges (Table 1). Finding the rare Central and North European *Myxas glutinosa* in the Skomlya River in Northwest Bulgaria (RUSSEV et al. 1994) is of great interest. Five species have been reported only for the Danube region. *Theodoxus transversalis* and *Viviparus acerosus* are regarded as Danube-Don endemics (ZHADIN 1952, STAROBOGATOV 1970). The recent data on their distribution do not support this view. Eurosiberian species in the Danube area are twice more numerous than in the other catchment areas. Two of them (*Anisus leucostoma* and *Bathyomphalus*



Table 1. Zoogeographical characteristic of the Bulgarian freshwater snails. Numbers of species for parts of the range resulting from introduction and resulting from possible changes given in brackets

| Zoogeographical categories                              | Total number | Danube Basin | Black Sea Basin | Aegean Basin |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Species distributed in Palaearctic and beyond it</b> | <b>10</b>    | <b>9</b>     | <b>6</b>        | <b>9</b>     |
| Subcosmopolitan   | (3)          | (2)          | (2)             | (2)          |
| New Zealand-European (introduced)                       | 1            |              |                 | 1            |
| North American-European (introduced)                    | 2            | 2            | 2               | 1            |
| Holarctic   | 7 (10)       | 7 (10)       | 4 (7)           | 7 (9)        |
| <b>Species distributed only in Palaearctic</b>          | <b>109</b>   | <b>68</b>    | <b>34</b>       | <b>55</b>    |
| <b>PALAEARCTIC TYPE</b>                                 | <b>12</b>    | <b>12</b>    | <b>10</b>       | <b>10</b>    |
| Holopalaearctic   | 5 (8)        | 5 (8)        | 3 (5)           | 4 (6)        |
| West and Central Palaearctic                            | 4 (5)        | 4 (5)        | 4               | 4 (5)        |
| West Palaearctic  | 3            | 3            | 3               | 2            |
| <b>EUROSIBERIAN TYPE</b>                                | <b>19</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>7</b>        | <b>12</b>    |
| Holoeuroasian   | 2            | 2            |                 | 2            |
| West and Central Eurosiberian                           | 3            | 3            | 2               | 2            |
| West Eurosiberian                                       | 5 (7)        | 5 (7)        | 3 (4)           | 4            |
| Disjunct Eurosiberian                                   | 1            | 1            |                 | 1            |
| European-Anatolian                                      | 1            | 1            | 1               |              |
| East European-Anatolian                                 | (1)          | (1)          |                 |              |
| European  | 3 (5)        | 3 (5)        | 1 (2)           | 2 (3)        |
| Central and North European                              | 1            | 1            |                 |              |
| Central and South European                              | (1)          | (1)          | (1)             | (1)          |
| Central and East European                               | 1            | 1            |                 |              |
| Central and Southeast European                          | 2            | 1            |                 | 1            |
| <b>MEDITERRANEAN TYPE</b>                               | <b>12</b>    | <b>9</b>     | <b>7</b>        | <b>4</b>     |
| Lusitanian-Mediterranean (marine-brackish)              | 1            |              | 1               |              |
| Holomediterranean                                       | (1)          |              | (1)             |              |
| East Mediterranean                                      | 1            |              | 1               | 1            |
| Northeast Mediterranean                                 | 1            | 1            |                 | 1            |
| South European  | 1            | 1            | 1               | 1            |
| Southeast European-Pontian                              | 4            | 4            | 2               | 1            |
| Southeast European                                      | 1            | 1            |                 |              |
| Ponto-Caspian   | 3            | 2            | 2               |              |
| <b>Endemics and subendemics, total</b>                  | <b>66</b>    | <b>29</b>    | <b>10</b>       | <b>29</b>    |
| Balkan subendemic                                       | (1)          | (1)          |                 |              |
| Balkan endemic  | 3            | 2            | 1               | 2            |
| Regional endemic  | 10 (11)      | 4 (5)        |                 | 6            |
| Local endemic   | 53 (55)      | 23 (25)      | 9 (10)          | 21 (22)      |
| <b>Relicts, total</b>                                   | <b>8</b>     | <b>6</b>     | <b>4</b>        | <b>2</b>     |
| Caspian relict  | 7            | 6            | 4               | 1            |
| Preglacial relict                                       | 1            |              |                 | 1            |
| <b>Total GASTROPODA</b>                                 | <b>120</b>   | <b>77</b>    | <b>40</b>       | <b>64</b>    |

*contortus*) are found in a few altitudinal zones, and nine species occur only in one zone. The planorbids, with their seven species, are best represented among the Eurosiberian taxa. *Melanopsis parreyssi* (preglacial relict with Central and Southeast European distribution, regarded as Pannonian endemic) is probably extinct in Bulgaria.

The Mediterranean group includes 12 taxa (10.1%) (Table 1). All of its members (except *Hydrobia acuta*, a predominantly brackish Lusitanian-Mediterranean form) have Ponto-Mediterranean distribution. Nine species, distributed in the lowest stretches of the rivers of the Danube and Black Sea catchment areas, are regarded as Caspian relicts. Their absence in the rivers of the Aegean basin is explained by their origin and association with the Ponto-Caspian basin (ZHADIN 1952, STAROBOGATOV 1970, BĂNĂRESCU 1990). Most of the Mediterranean species occur in the Danube and Black Sea catchment areas.

#### ENDEMICS AND RELICTS

The endemics include species which are not found outside the Balkan Peninsula. They are divided into Balkan (more than one Balkan country), Bulgarian (Bulgaria only), regional (more than one locality in a region), and local (one locality) species. Endemics are of high conservation value in the evaluation of any territory, and reflect the unique character of a fauna. The 66 endemic species (55.5% of all species; Table 1) in the Bulgarian fauna represent palaeo- and mesolimnic families. The local endemics (53 species, 44.5%) are the most numerous, followed by the regional endemics (10 species, 8.4%). Most of the local

endemics (58 species) are found in the Danube and Aegean catchment areas (Table 1) and only 10 occur in the Black Sea catchment area. The Stara Planina Mts, Pre-Balkan and Rhodope Mts are the regions with the greatest numbers of endemic species; they also hold the main speciation centres. Among the Balkan endemics, *Grossuana codreanui* was recorded from Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia (probably more than one species was recorded under the name); *Lithoglyphus pyramidatus* is known from the environs of the town of Lom on the Danube (regarded also as subendemic); *Stagnicola montenegrinus* is new for Bulgaria and till now found only along the Maritsa and Tundzha rivers (SCHNIEBS et al. 2012). *Melanopsis parreyssi* is regarded as a Lower Danube (regional) endemic. Most of the hydrobiids are endemic, with 53 local and eight regional endemic species described from Bulgaria. The rate of endemism of this family in Bulgaria is very high – 95.5%.

The relict gastropod fauna is a result of a complex palaeoclimatic and palaeogeographical changes from the Tertiary to the present. According to their origin, the relicts are preglacial (*Melanopsis parreyssi*, found in a thermal spring at the Pyasachnik Reservoir) and Caspian (7 species, associated with the Ponto-Caspian brackish region; STAROBOGATOV 1970, BĂNĂRESCU 1990, RUSSEV et al. 1998). Their ranges are Southeast European-Pontian (*Theodoxus danubialis*, *Esperiana esperi*, *E. daudebartii* and *Lithoglyphus naticoides*) and Ponto-Caspian (*Theodoxus pallasi*, *Turricaspia lincta*, *T. variabilis*). Relicts are of high conservation importance and contribute to the specificity and uniqueness of the fauna.

Table 2. Conservation status of Bulgarian freshwater snails

| Category           | Total number | Danube Basin | Black Sea Basin | Aegean Basin |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Rare               | 17           | 17           | 9               | 12           |
| Regionally Extinct | 3            |              | 1               | 2            |
| IUCN, total        | 65           | 51           | 26              | 40           |
| IUCN-CR            | 6            |              | 1               | 5            |
| IUCN-EN            | 1            | 1            |                 |              |
| IUCN-VU            | 11           | 7            |                 | 4            |
| IUCN-NT            | 4            | 3            | 2               | 2            |
| IUCN-LC            | 39           | 37           | 22              | 28           |
| IUCN-DD            | 4            | 3            | 1               | 1            |
| Bern Convention    | 1            | 1            |                 |              |
| Habitats Directive | 2            | 2            | 1               |              |
| Natura 2000        | 2            | 2            | 1               |              |
| CORINE             | 2            | 2            | 1               | 1            |
| ESC                | 2            | 2            | 1               | 1            |
| RBBG               | 3            |              | 2               |              |



## CONSERVATION ISSUES

**Rare (stenoecious) species.** This category includes taxa with few populations or known from a single locality only, as well as some species which, though found all over Bulgaria, usually occupy specific habitats. Negative microclimate changes, environmental pollution, and habitat disturbance cause their extinction or shrinkage of their ranges. Seventeen species (14.3%) are considered rare (discounting the subterranean forms); they are found in all three catchment areas (Table 2), the Danube basin being the richest in this respect.

**Endangered species and taxa with high conservation value.** Conservation value varies among species. It is especially high when supported by more than one criterion (e.g. rare and endemic, rare and relict, etc.). Sixty-five species (54.5%) of the Bulgarian freshwater snails are included in the IUCN, two – in the Habitats Directive, Natura 2000, CORINE and ESC each; three – in the Red Book of the Republic of Bulgaria and one – in the Bern Convention (Table 2).

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- Indicator species.** Eleven species are regarded as indicators. Most of them are  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -mesosaprobic, widespread in Bulgaria, of Holarctic, Palaearctic and Eurosiberian distribution, representing Lymnaeidae, Planorbidae and Physidae. The oligo- to  $\beta$ -mesosaprobic *Myxas glutinosa* is quite rare.
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